

**“ Millington / Berry looking for the Bonus”**



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August 8th 2020 - The roar of racing engines echoed through the Catawba Valley on Saturday night as the NASCAR Advance Auto Parts Weekly Series returned to action with the MTP Tire 220.

Leading off the night's racing excitement would be the Advance Auto Parts Late Models with their first of two 40 lap features. Josh Berry in the #88 would set fast time in qualifying and start from the top spot with Sam Butler in the #81 to his outside. Ryan Millington in the #15 and Will Cox in the #3 would make up row two for the green flag. The green flag would see Berry move to the lead with Millington following the inside line to second. Lap 10 would see Berry, Millington, Butler, Thomas Beane in the #31, and Cox as the top 5. The #12 of AnnaBeth Barnes-Crum would come to pit road after slowing on the track. Berry would set a torrid pace up front however, Millington and Butler would keep pedaling hard to stay in striking distance. Lap 19 would see Butler move under Millington in his bid for the second spot. Lap 23 would see Butler complete the pass and look to chase down the leader Berry. Butler would close down the lead that Berry built while the battle raged for second behind him. As he neared Berry's rear bumper, the laps would wind down. Berry would drive on to the win in his quest for the National Title and the Nitro Lubricants \$25,000 bonus. Butler would match his career best finish with 2nd and Millington, also chasing the National Title, would finish 3rd. Cox would come home in 4th and Beane would finish 5th.

Next up would be the 4 Cylinders for their 25 lap battle. Brian Mundy in the #6 would pace qualifying and take the top starting spot with Cody Combs in the #9 to his outside. Mundy would move to the top spot on lap one with Combs close in row. The #11 of Robert Trivette would pull to pit road with mechanical issues on lap 4. The battle for third would rage between the #17 of Curtis Pardue and the #83 of Charlie Neill. Lap 20 would see Neill make the pass for the position. The caution would fly on lap 22 as Pardue would spin on the backstretch. The restart would see Mundy and Combs leading the field to the green flag. Mundy would move back to the top spot as Combs and Neill would duel for second. Mundy would drive on to take the win. Combs would take 2nd with Neill making the front row celebration finishing 3rd. Pardue would finish 4th and Trivette would finish 5th.

The Super Trucks would hit the track next for their 35 lap slugfest. The #9 of Charlie Watson would take the pole position and start on the front row with Joey Shuryan in the #30 to his outside. Watson would move to the early lead with Shuryan holding second. Dennis Trivette in the #28 and Lee Jordan in the #1 would battle for the third position. Jordan would take a wild ride on lap 22, but make a great save keeping his truck from bringing out the caution. Trivette would work his way to the bumper of Shuryan and battle for the second spot, and would run out of time. Watson would prove too strong and drive on to the win. Shuryan would finish 2nd with Trivette taking 3rd. Jordan would take the hard fought 4th in his first Hickory Motor Speedway truck race.

The Paramount Auto Group Limited Late Models would hit the track next for 50 laps in Round 7 of the Paramount Kia 'BIG 10' Chase for the Championship. Josh Kossek in the #44K would top the charts in qualifying and start from the pole position with Monty Cox in the #21 to his outside. Row two would see Chase Janes in the #47 and Mitch Walker in the #15 side by side for the green flag. Kossek would drive to the early lead with Cox close behind. Lap 15 would see Kossek, Cox, Janes, Walker, and Charlie Watson doing double duty in the #9 as the top five. The caution would fly on lap 19 as Josh Stark in the #32 would spin on the front stretch. Kossek and Cox would lead the field to the green flag and battle side by side until lap 23 when Kossek would move back to the top spot. Watson would battle with Walker for the fourth position and make the pass at the halfway point. As Kossek would attempt to pull out to a lead, Janes would drive up to the bumper of Cox and challenge for second. Kossek would drive on to the win. Cox would finish 2nd with Janes taking 3rd. Watson would take 4th, after taking the win in the truck race a few minutes before the beginning of the Limited race, and Walker would finish 5th.

The Street Stocks would roll off next for their 30 lap feature. Mark Whitten in the #77 would pace qualifying and start from the front with Kevin Eby in the #03 to his outside. Eby would use the high groove to take the lead on lap one. Marshall Sutton in the #64

would give chase to Whitten for the second spot. Lap 8 would see Sutton make the pass and look for the leader, Eby. The halfway point would see Eby, Sutton, Whitten, Trey Buff in the #48, and Ethan Johnson in the #2 making up the top five. Lap 27 would see Buff pull to the pits with mechanical issues. Eby would drive on to take the win. Sutton would the battle for 2nd while Whitten would finish 3rd. Johnson would finish 4th while Kayla Eby in the #3 would finish 5th.

The Advance Auto Parts Late Models would hit the track next for their second and final 40 lap feature of the night. After a 9 car invert from the finishing order of race one, row one would be made up of Mason Ludwig in the #12 and Rajah Caruth in the #6. Perry Patino in the #51 and Vince Midas in the #14 would make up row two for the green flag. The green flag would see a fierce battle for the top spot until lap 3 when Ludwig would clear Caruth and move to the lead. Patino would follow Ludwig and move to second. Ryan Millington in the #15 and Josh Berry in the #88 would waste no time working through the field and move to second and third by lap 13. The halfway point would see Ludwig, Millington, Berry, Patino, and Butler making up the top five. Lap 21 would see Millington move around Ludwig for the top spot. Berry would follow closely in Millington's tire tracks and move to second. Lap 26 would see Butler move into the top three as he would pass Ludwig for third. Berry would pressure Millington and make the pass on lap 33. Millington wouldn't be ready to give up quite yet and would drive back under Berry for the lead. This was going to be a battle. Berry would pull back ahead as they took the white flag with one to go. As the front duo dove down into turn one Butler entered the fray. As the leaders came off of turn two Millington would nose under Berry and they would race down the backstretch. As they drove into turn three both drivers would drive deep into the corner. This would send both cars just up the track and open the door in the bottom lane for Butler. Butler would stick the nose of his #81 to the inside of Millington and Berry to challenge for the win. The three cars would make it through the corner and drag race to the checkered flag. In another epic finish Millington would win the battle and be the first to the checkered flag by a scant margin. Berry would nose ahead to take 2nd with Butler finishing 3rd. Patino would take 4th while Beane would finish 5th.

Next week Hickory Motor Speedway will host the annual Sundown Audio Show.

The NASCAR Advance Auto Parts Weekly Series returns to action in two weeks and thus begin a stretch of five consecutive weeks that will determine the track champion as well as possible implications for the national championship.

Hickory Motor Speedway Results 8/8/20

**Late Model – Twin Feature 1**

- 1 #88 – Josh Berry
- 2 #81 – Sam Butler ( r )
- 3 #15 – Ryan Millington
- 4 #3 – Will Cox III
- 5 #31 – Thomas Beane
- 6 #14 – Vince Midas
- 7 #51 – Perry Patino
- 8 #6 – Rajah Caruth
- 9 #12L – Mason Ludwig ( r )
- 10 #55 – Isabella Robusto
- 11 #1R – Ryan Rackley
- 12 #12M – Garin Mash
- 13 #09 – Shane Canipe
- 14 #12B – Annabeth Barnes Crum
- 15 #77 – Ryan Vasconcellos
- 16 #3P – Curtis Pardue
- 17 #25 – Matt Piercy - DNS

**Late Model – Twin Feature 2**

- 1 #15 – Ryan Millington
- 2 #88 – Josh Berry

- 3 #81 – Sam Butler ( r )
- 4 #51 – Perry Patino
- 5 #31 – Thomas Beane
- 6 #12L – Mason Ludwig ( r )
- 7 #14 – Vince Midas
- 8 #3 – Will Cox III
- 9 #6 – Rajah Caruth
- 10 #12B – Annabeth Barnes Crum
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**Limited Late Model Paramount “Big 10” Race #7**

- 1 #44K – Josh Kossek
- 2 #21 – Monty Cox
- 3 #47 – Chase Janes
- 4 #9 – Charlie Watson
- 5 #15 – Mitch Walker
- 6 #22 – Max Price ( r )
- 7 #32 – Josh Stark
- 8 #42 – Ricky Bruce
- 9 #10 – Wyatt Underwood - DNS

**Street Stocks**

- 1 #03 – Kevin Eby
- 2 #64 – Marshall Sutton
- 3 #77 – Mark Whitten
- 4 #2 – Ethan Johnson
- 5 #3 – Kayla Eby ( r )
- 6 #48 – Trey Buff

**Super Trucks**

- 1 #9 – Charlie Watson
- 2 #30 – Joey Shuryan
- 3 #28T – Dennis Trivette
- 4 #1 – Lee Jordan

**4 Cylinders**

- 1 #6 – Brian Mundy
- 2 #9 – Cody Combs

3 #83 – Charlie Neill

4 #17 – Curtis Pardue

5 #11 – Robbie Trivette

6 #09 – Randy Canipe

7 #59 – Donn Wardo - DNS